projects, preparation of detailed project reports and proven track record in project management were identified to render such consultancy to the SEBs. Extent and choice of the consultant depends upon the need of the utility.

(c) The consultancy charges are envisaged to be limited to 5% of the project cost. The expenses on account of consultancy are part of the total cost of the project, which has an element of grant as well as loan from the Central Government.

(d) No, Sir.

Purchase of AJTs and submarines

*320. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI P. PRAHBHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to purchase Advance Jet Trainers (AJTs.) and submarines from foreign countries;

(b) whether global tenders were floated therefor and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if answer to part (b) is in negative, the reasons for inordinate delay therefor; and

(d) by when a final decision is expected to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Government have decided to induct Advanced Jet Trainers for the smooth transition of trainee pilots on to the frontline fighter squadrons equipped with high technology aircraft.

2. Keeping the requirement in view, the Air HQrs had made a desk survey in December 1985 of a number of Advanced Jet Trainers then available in the world market.

3. Request for Proposals (REPs) for AJT was issued on three occasions *i.e.*, in 1986, 1992 and finally in 1999 to the two shortlisted vendors M/s BAE for the HAWK aircraft and M/s Dassault Aviation for the Alpha Jet Aircraft. No contract has been finalized, as yet. It would not

be possible to lay down a time limit for such a major procurement project. However, Government is keen on finalisation of the issue.

4. In regard to the purchase of submarines, Government have approved a long term perspective plan for indigenous construction of submarines and acquisition of national competence in submarine building. M/s Armaris of France (current nomenclature of the company whose name has changed several times) were the sole respondents to a limited global tender floated in 1997 to companies.

(a) M/s Th CSF, France (now M/s Armaris)

(b) M/s VSEL of UK

(c) M/s RVZ of Russia

(d) M/s Kokcum of Sweden.

Mazagon Docks Limited (MDL), Mumbai has been identified as the yard to ultimately construct French designed Submarines on successful completion of negotiations with the French Company. However, no final decision on the proposal has been taken.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Accidents in coal mines

†2162. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of accidents and fire incidents in coal mines/ headquarters during last three years;

(b) the State-wise details of the loss occurred to men and property in these accidents; and

(c) the details of the measures taken to prevent such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) and (b) The State-wise details of accidents and loss of Life due to accidents in coal mines during the last three years are given in Statement-I (*See* below). The State-wise details of fire accidents in coal mines during the last three years are given in Statement-II. (*See* below)

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.